



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Norihisa FUKUTOMI, et al.

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For: FUEL INJECTION VALVE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

This Preliminary Amendment is for a RCE of Application No. 09/413,348 filed October 6, 1999 (CPA filed February 27, 2001).

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

2. (Four-times Amended) The fuel injection valve according to claim 6, wherein said elastic member is provided between a sleeve and said core in order to form said buffer portion, said sleeve being disposed between a core and a valve holder of the solenoid, said elastic

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